

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MARCH 15, 2010
REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisor Kidwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Kidwell, Noble. Absent: Ringler.

Approved Agenda: Kidwell, at the request of Durm-Hiatt, added the Electronic Poll Book Grant application to the agenda.

Durm-Hiatt motioned to approve agenda with an addition. Bailey supported.
All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda: Cooper motioned to approve consent agenda items, Bailey supported.

1. Minute approval for March 1, 2010, regular meeting,
2. Expenditures and Transfers:

General O&M \$19,066.93,	Fire O&M \$10,304.39	Sewer O&M \$8,847.18
Water O&M \$1,637.75	Special Assessment \$3,204.95	Sewer City Charge \$76,104.00
Fire Capital Imp. \$50,480.00		

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 169,645.20
3. February Fire report
4. Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser Request (Tootsie Roll Drive)
5. Resolution 10-2 ad 10-3 supporting House bills HR 3313 & HR 3314.Road and Bridge Funding
6. Accept for file: Landfill, SMCAS, and Park Board February minutes.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bailey, Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence/Announcements: Durm-Hiatt read a letter from Rich Green, CITGO Niles Terminal Manager, thanking both Chief Brovold and Chief Lamb for their response to the ethanol release on March 4, 2010. Durm-Hiatt asked board members to review communication from ACD.net requesting a letter of support from the board in their attempt to receive a grant to provide infrastructure for high speed internet in rural or under serviced areas.

Supervisor Report: Encourages everyone to complete the census and expressed the importance of getting accurate information. Kidwell asked board members review the letter from Kiefer concerning the sewer agreement and be ready to discuss it. Kidwell presented certificates for file to: Brian M. Dayson and Robert C. Ruff.

Comments from the Public: A resident, Ollen Baldwin, expressed concern for using taxpayer's money to pursue legal action at Eastgate. John LaMore presented a brochure on the County's Victim Service Unit, and asked that we have copies available for citizens. LaMore, also, suggested getting the police local phone number out to people. Tim Enders distributed information about a noise ordinance used in Elkhart IN. and asked that we look into it for the township. Sgt. Miller presented the February police report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

New Fire Secretary: Chief Brovold introduced Pam Pauszek, for the part-time secretary position. Cooper motioned to hire Pauszek for the position. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Bailey, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Electronic Poll Book Grant: Durm-Hiatt presented information on a grant through the State Bureau of Elections, which will provide a laptop and support materials for each precinct at no charge to the township. The money is made available through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The application is due March 24, 2010.

Kidwell motioned to authorize the clerk to enter into a contract with the State Bureau of Elections for the Electronic Poll Books. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Durm-Hiatt, Goodwin, Noble, Bailey, Cooper, Kidwell.
NAYES: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Comments from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Bailey: reported that Harry Thibault has been working on an appraisal of the Norfolk Southern Railroad property for the trail project.

Goodwin: None.

Ringler: Absent.

Kidwell: None

Noble: reported a street light out on E. Winn and Walton. Three new street lights have been placed in Oak Manor area. A resident on South 15th Street asked for the procedures for having a road paved.

Cooper: commented on an appraisal firm that he spoke with at MTA conference that works on Railroad property.

Durm-Hiatt: reported that the clerk department is gearing up for the upcoming elections.

Bailey motioned to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Goodwin supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Durm-Hiatt, Clerk